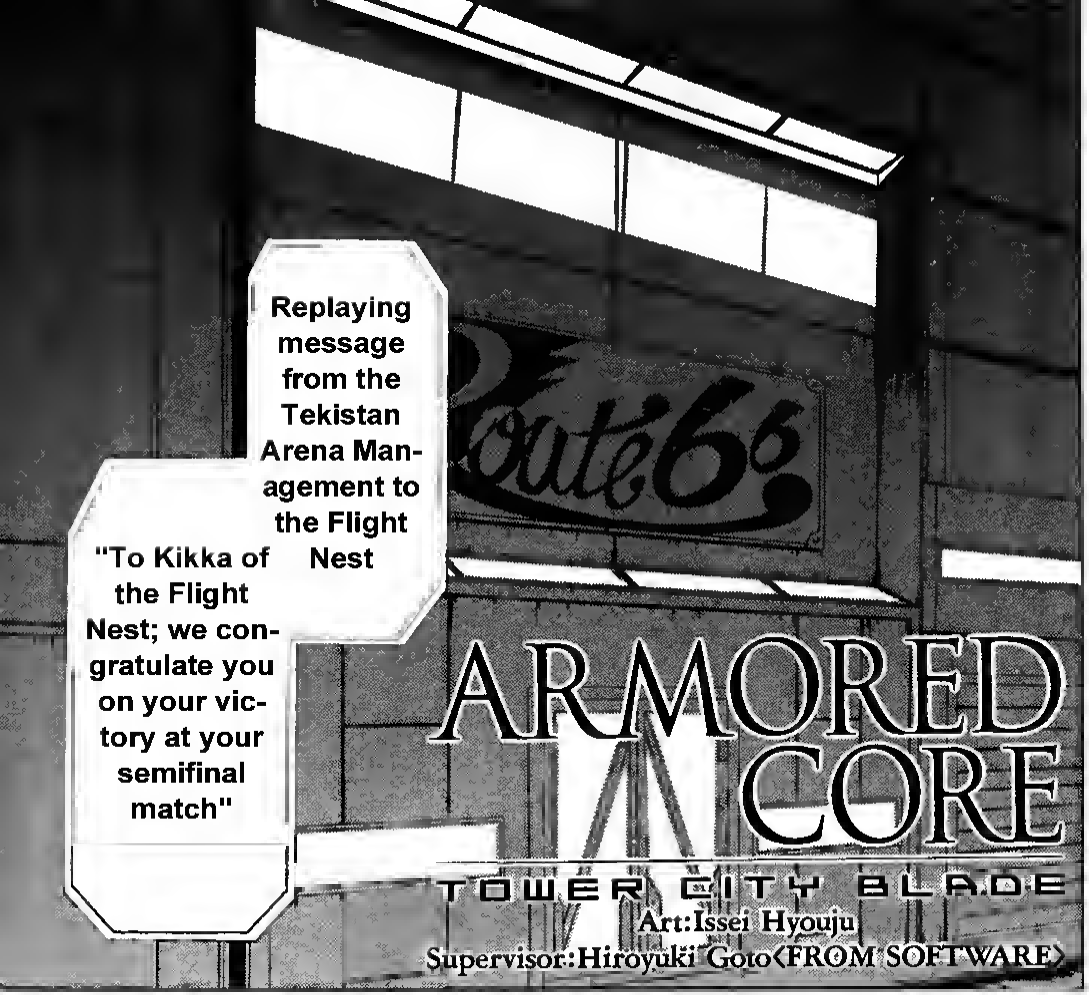
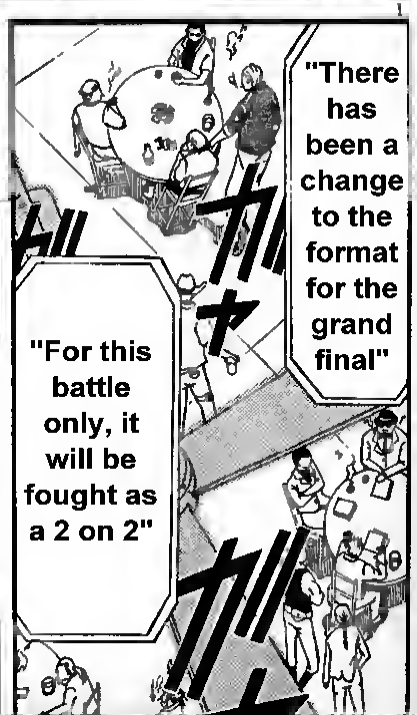
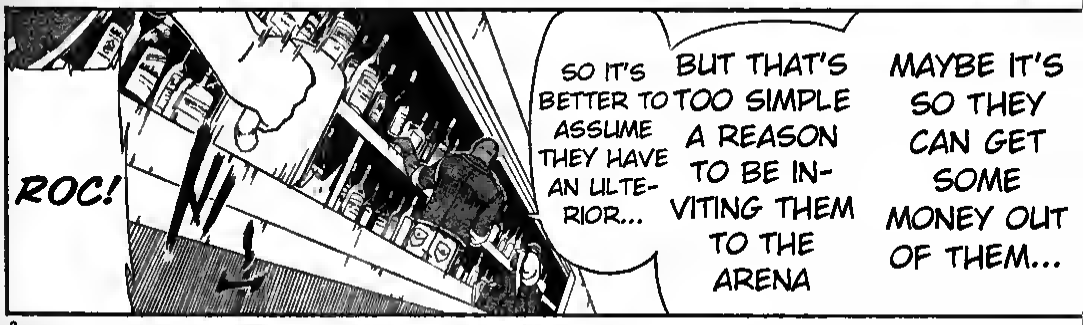

Route 66
Replaying message from the Tekistan Arena Management to the Flight Nest
"To Kikka of the Flight Nest; we congratulate you on your victory at your semifinal match"
ARMORED CORE
TOWER CITY BLADE
Art:Issei Hyouju
Supervisor:Hiroyuki Goto〈FROM SOFTWARE〉

"We encourage Kikka to contract a partner for this battle. Over"
IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE HOW MANY TIMES I LISTEN TO IT.


"There has been a change to the format for the grand final"
"For this battle only, it will be fought as a 2 on 2"

IMPORTANT PEOPLE FROM EACH CORPORATION WILL BE INVITED TO THE FINALS
WE'VE SEEN THIS SHIT TOO MANY TIMES
THE ARK PROBABLY HAS A HAND IN THIS
THE DEFINITION OF AN ARENA IS THAT IT'S ONE ON ONE...


ROC!
SO IT'S BETTER TO ASSUME THEY HAVE AN ULTERIOR...
BUT THAT'S TOO SIMPLE A REASON TO BE INVITING THEM TO THE ARENA
MAYBE IT'S SO THEY CAN GET SOME MONEY OUT OF THEM...

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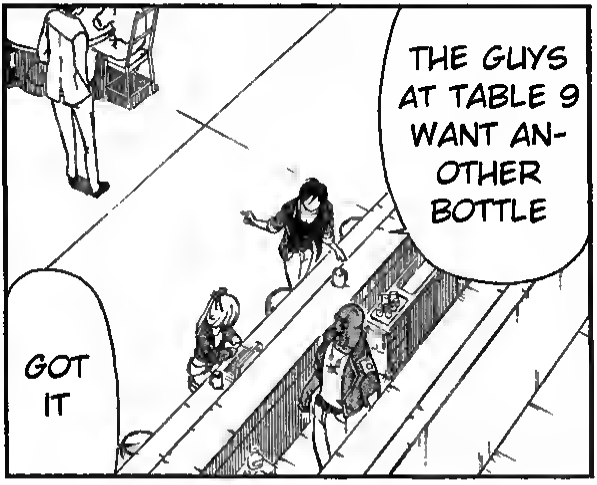
SHE'S CHEERED UP THE LAST FEW DAYS HUH
...SO YOU ARE RETARDED


THE GUYS AT TABLE 9 WANT ANOTHER BOTTLE
GOT IT

第4話「レイヴン」

ARMORED CORE

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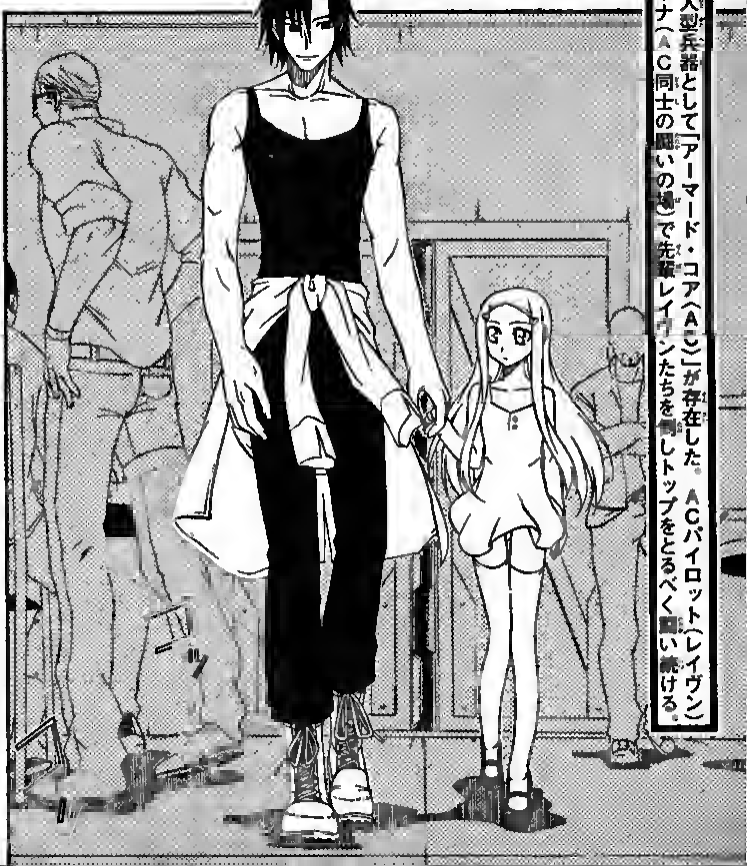
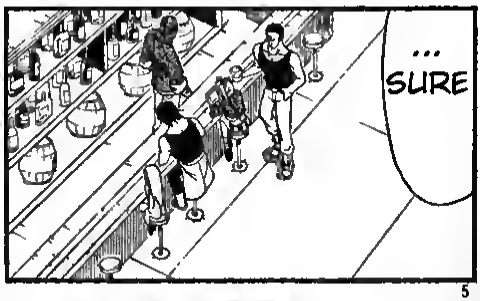
前回までのあらすじ

地域紛争が激化の一途をたどる時代――最強の巨大人型兵器として「アーマード・コア（ＡＣ）」が存在した。ＡＣパイロット（レイヴン）の橘花は、父が作った独立組織に入隊する為、アリーナ（ＡＣ同士の闘いの場）で先輩レイヴンたちを倒しトップをとるべく闘い続ける。



2 COF-
FEES
AND A
WATER
FOR HER
BARKEEP

16 years old
YOU
GUYS
SURE
YOU
CAME
TO THE
RIGHT
PLACE?
THIS
ISN'T A
PIT
STOP
FOR
PRETTY
BOYS
AND
THEIR
BABIES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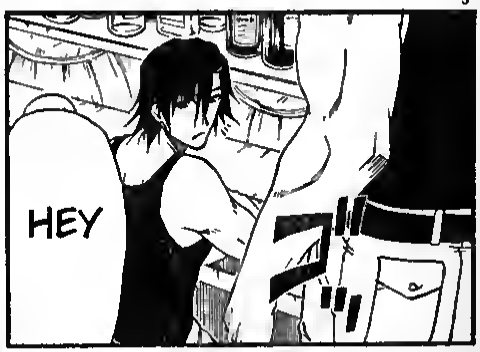
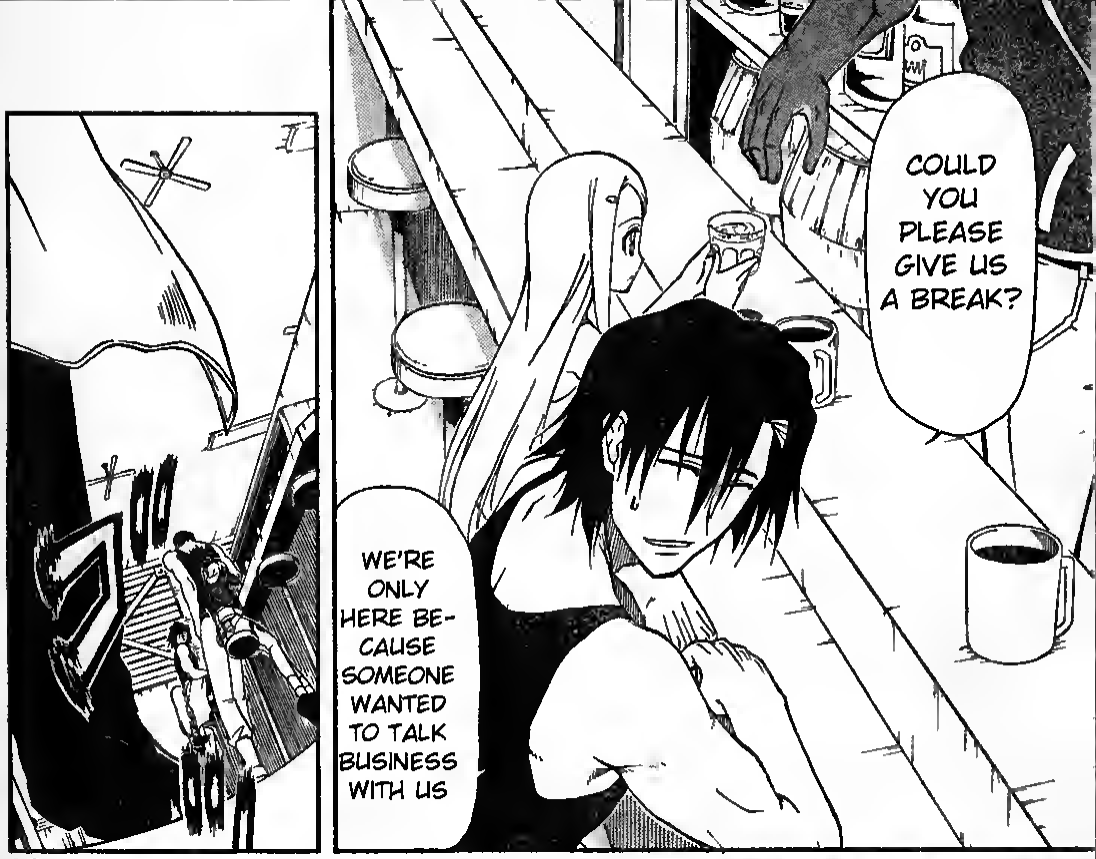
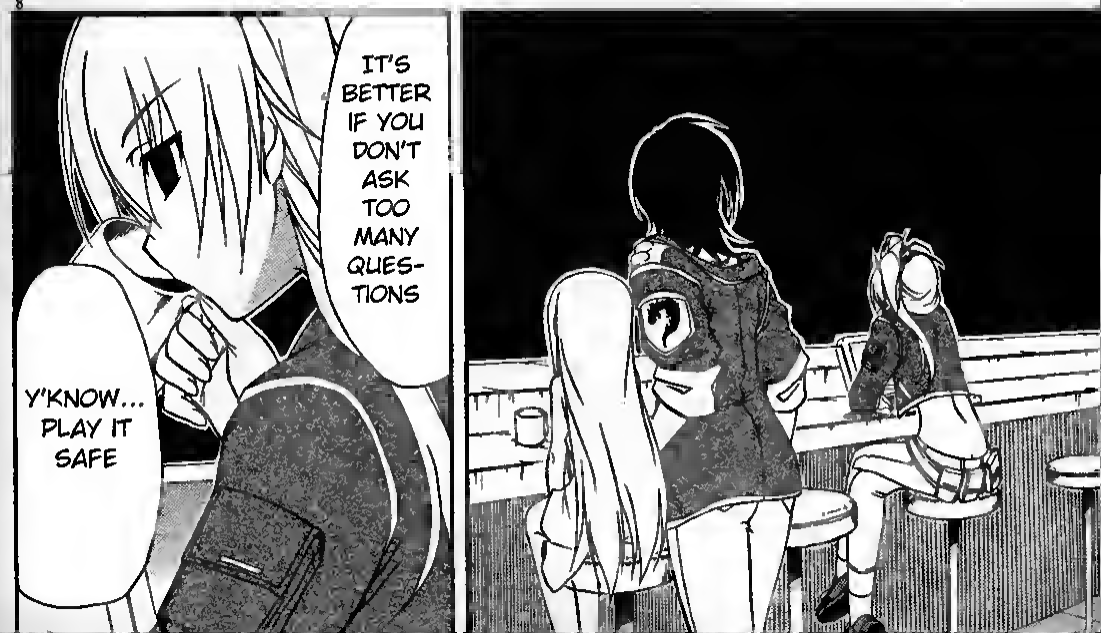

HEY


COULD YOU PLEASE GIVE US A BREAK?
WE'RE ONLY HERE BE-CAUSE SOMEONE WANTED TO TALK BUSINESS WITH US

CATA-RINA, I'LL BE RIGHT BACK
I'M NOT DONE WITH YOU YET...
AH...

TCH...
...MEDI-CINE?
...THOSE EYES,
SHE CAN'T BE A...?

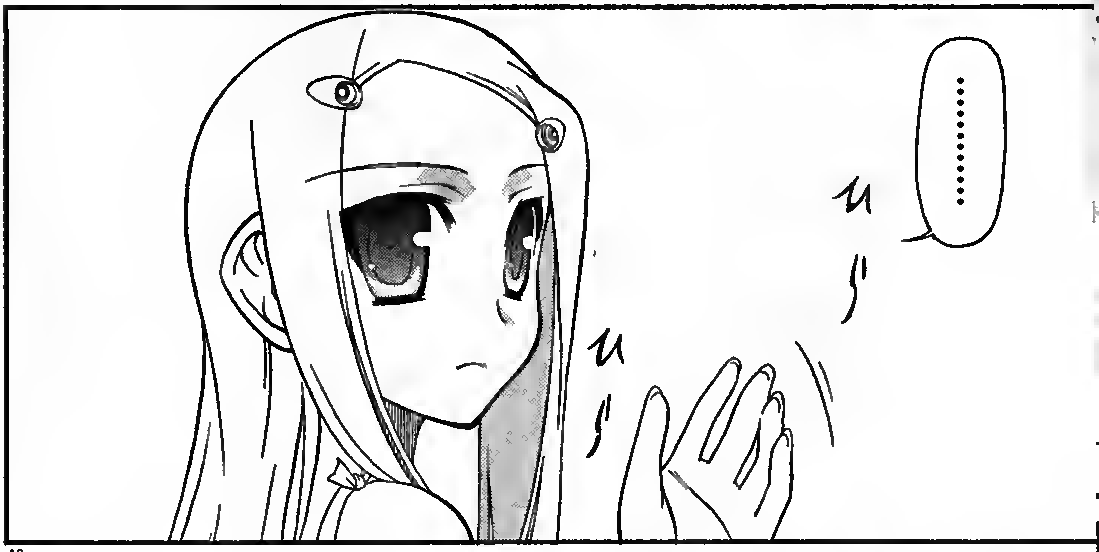
IT'S REALLY RARE FOR SOMEONE YOUR AGE TO STOP BY HERE ISN'T THAT RIGHT STOR CH?
HEY KIKKA... IT'S BETTER IF YOU DIDN'T ...
SO HOW OLD ARE YOU?
12?
...NO? ...SO... 21?!
HAHAHA, YOU'RE A FUNNY ONE AREN'T YOU
KIKKA!


IT'S BETTER IF YOU DON'T ASK TOO MANY QUES-TIONS
Y'KNOW... PLAY IT SAFE

O-OH...
OKAY...
SORRY I KEPT YOU WAITING CATARINA
LET'S GET GOING

AHH WELL MY NAME IS LANCER
I'M REALLY GLAD THAT YOU KEPT HER COMPANY
AND... WHO MIGHT YOU BE?
ME? I'M ONE OF THE EM-PLOY-EES HERE
SEE YOU AGAIN
OH... CATA-RINA!

澪花／独立組織「ブライトネスト」準メンバー。アリーナトップを取り、父が作った組織の正メンバーを目指す。



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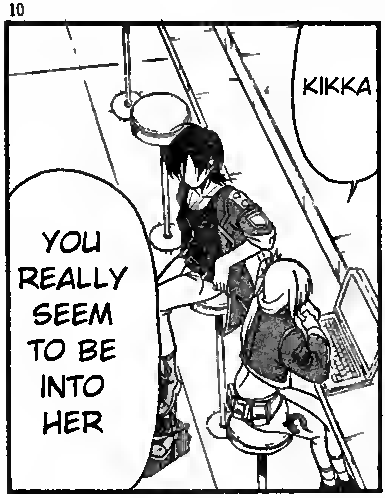
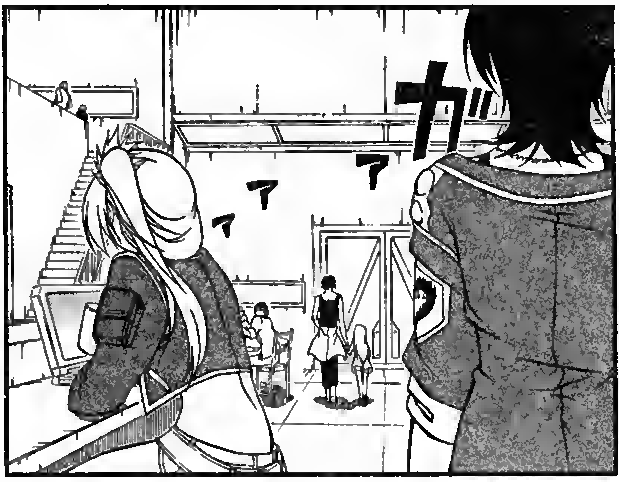


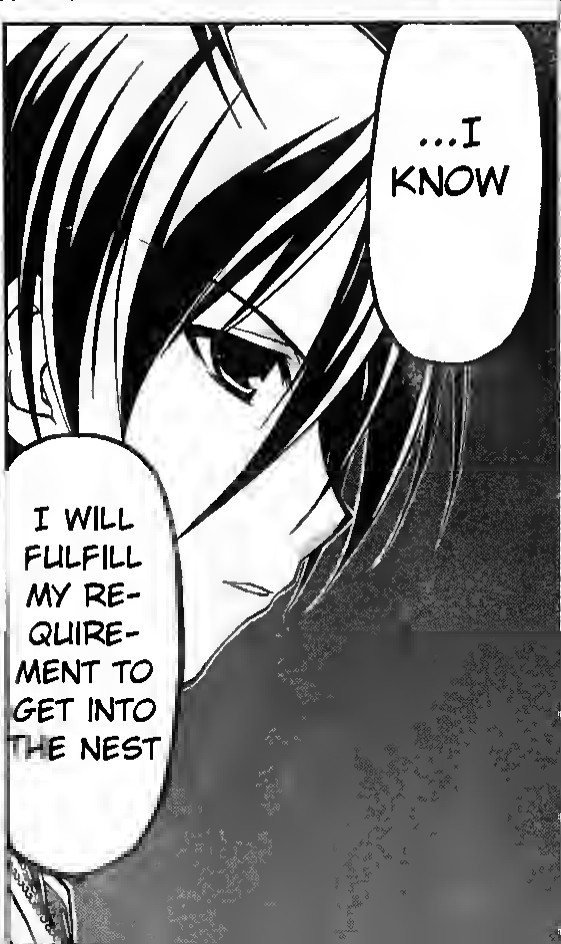


YOU KNOW KIKKA
WHATEVER THAT RE-ICHENBERG GUY TOLD YOU
JUST FORGET ABOUT IT ALREADY
ROC ...
IT FEELS LIKE I CAN JUST FORGET EVERY-THING...
... YEAH
WHEN-EVER I SEE CHIL-DREN HER AGE

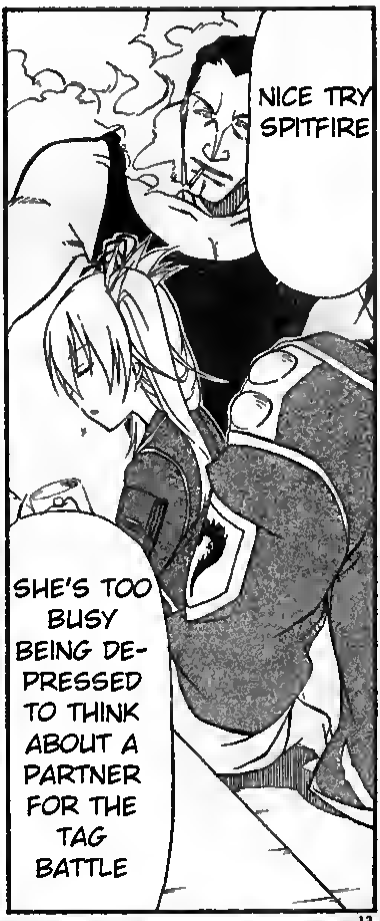
THE NEXT BATTLE IS YOUR MOST IMPORTANT ONE
THE ARENA FINALS

SO THAT MEANS YOU'VE ALREADY PICKED OUT YOUR BACKUP
HUH...

BACKUP?


...I KNOW
I WILL FULFILL MY REQUIREMENT TO GET INTO THE NEST

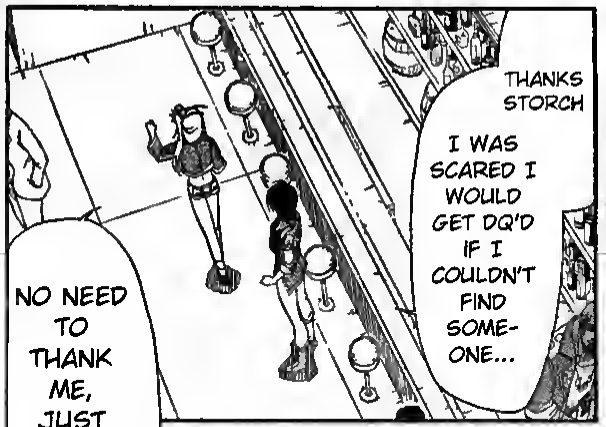
BUT IT'S FINE
I'LL BE HER PART-NER


NICE TRY SPITFIRE
SHE'S TOO BUSY BEING DE-PRESSED TO THINK ABOUT A PARTNER FOR THE TAG BATTLE

WELL... WE DO WANT TO HAVE AS LITTLE TO DO WITH THE ARENA AS POSSI-BLE...
BUT ONLY UNDER ONE CONDI-TION:

ST... STORCH ?
THAT'S MY NAME
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR A CHANCE TO TRY MY NEW SETUP

IF WE WIN AND KIKKA BECOMES THE TOP OF THE ARENA
I'LL SHARE THAT TITLE ALONG WITH HER, AS PER THE RULES, WHICH MEANS...
YOU'LL ALSO HAVE TO LET ME INTO THE FLIGHT NEST


THANKS STORCH
I WAS SCARED I WOULD GET DQ'D IF I COULDN'T FIND SOMEONE...
NO NEED TO THANK ME, JUST TELL ME WHERE TO SIGN UP

THAT WAS EASY.....

...WELL SAID
WHY NOT
BUT ONLY IF YOU WIN

JUST WHEN I THOUGHT MY GOAL OF REVENGE WAS OUT OF REACH...
NOW I'VE COME EVER CLOSER TO IT
IT'S CLOSER THAN EVER 近くにこんで
IT'S CLOSER THAN EVER 近くにこんで
IT'S CLOSER THAN EVER 近くにこんで

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
THEY'RE NOT PERFECT, BUT THEY ARE HIGH RANK-ERS IN THE RAVEN'S ARK
CATARINA'S A RAVEN? カリナちゃんがイヴン!?
YOU WON'T FIND ANY-THING LIKE HER IN THE ARMY
IF ANYTHING THE ONLY PROBLEM WILL BE FROM THAT CATARINA GIRL
WHAT DID HE JUST SAY...?
THE QUESTION IS IF WE CAN EVEN USE THE DATA WE GET FROM HER...
SO, THAT LANCER GUY IS PROB-ABLY... の いう男も……
ﾅﾃﾞﾅﾃﾞ

ロック／フライトネスト・リーダー。槇花の父が作った組織の現地員であり、父親代わりに槇花を育ててきた。

...HMM
I DON'T REMEMBER AGREEING TO ANY-THING LIKE THAT
THESE MEN 人達
-WERE PLAN-NING TO FOOL THEM FROM THE START...!

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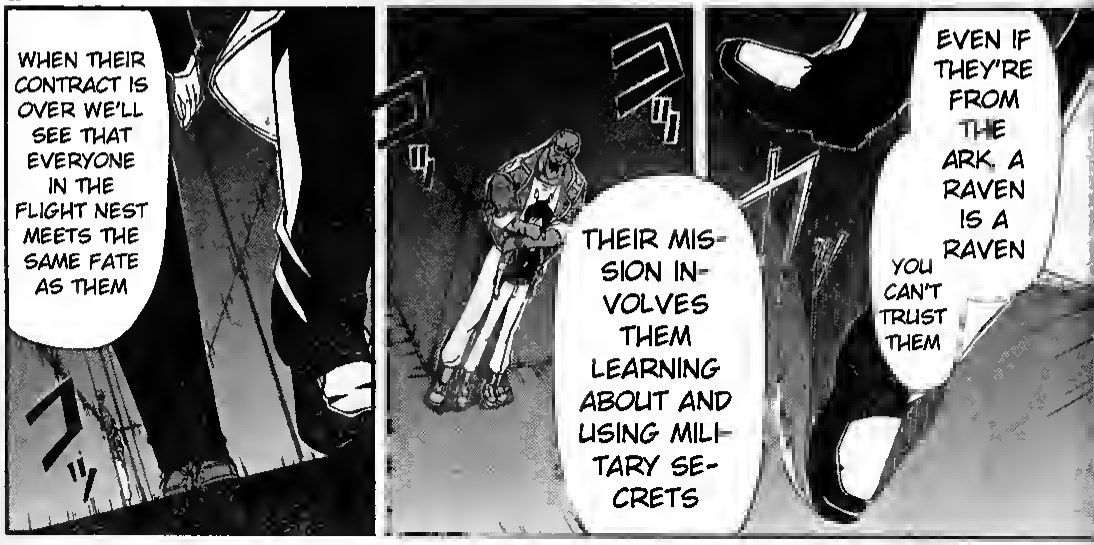
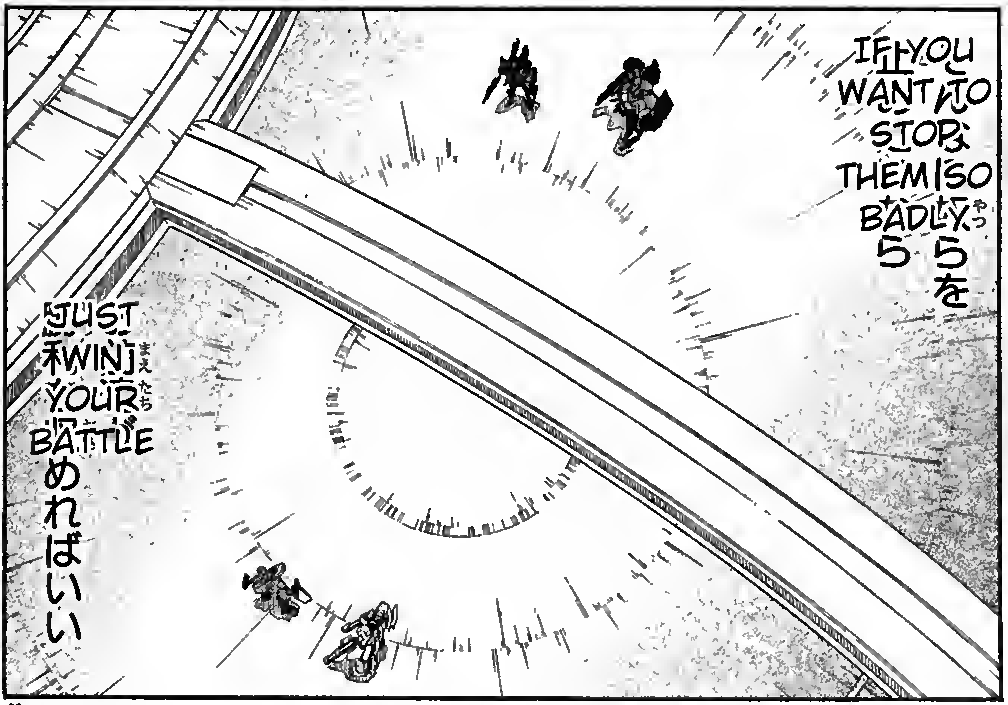
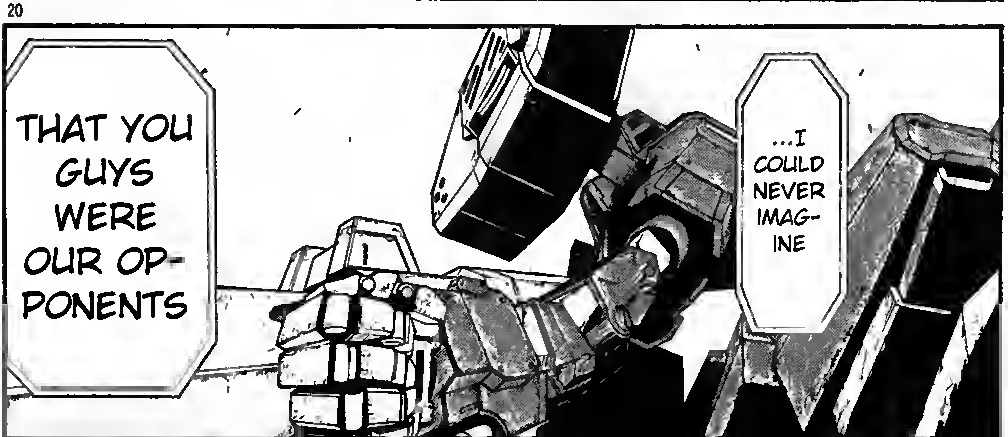
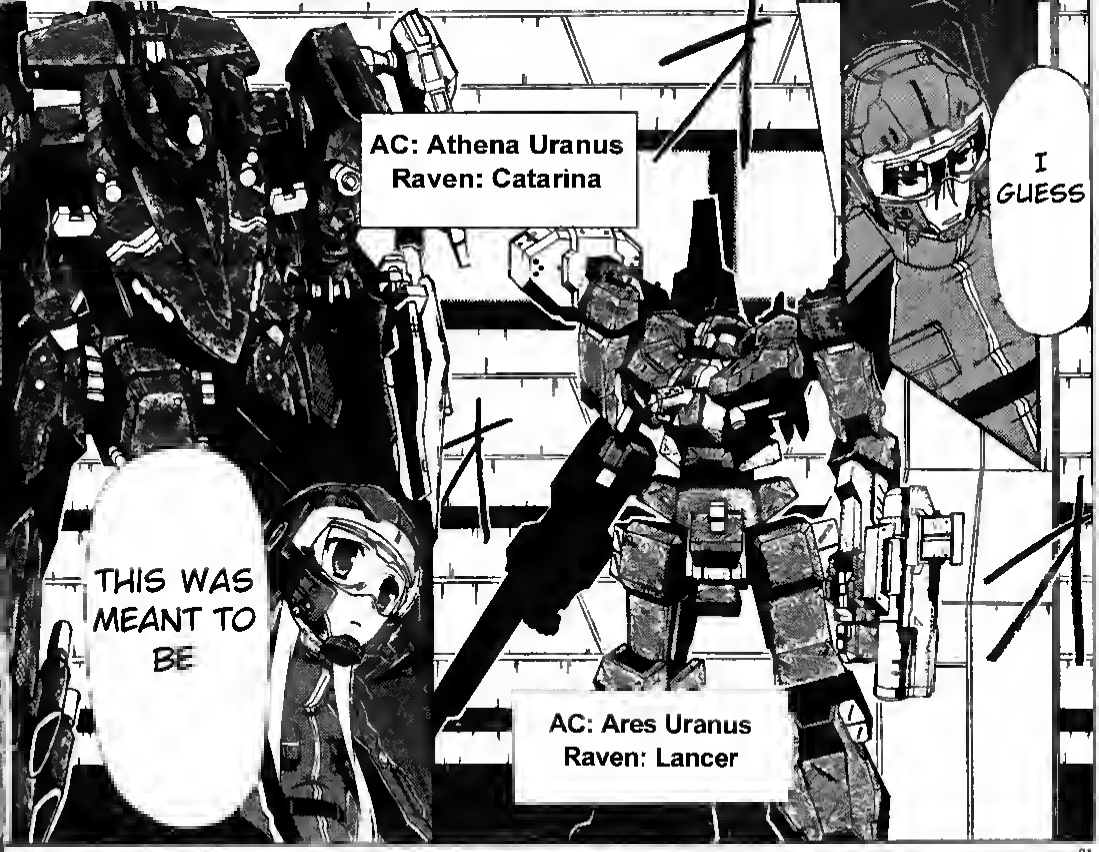

EVEN IF THEY'RE FROM THE ARK, A RAVEN IS A RAVEN
YOU CAN'T TRUST THEM
THEIR MIS-SION IN-VOLVES THEM LEARNING ABOUT AND USING MILI-TARY SE-CRETS
WHEN THEIR CONTRACT IS OVER WE'LL SEE THAT EVERYONE IN THE FLIGHT NEST MEETS THE SAME FATE AS THEM

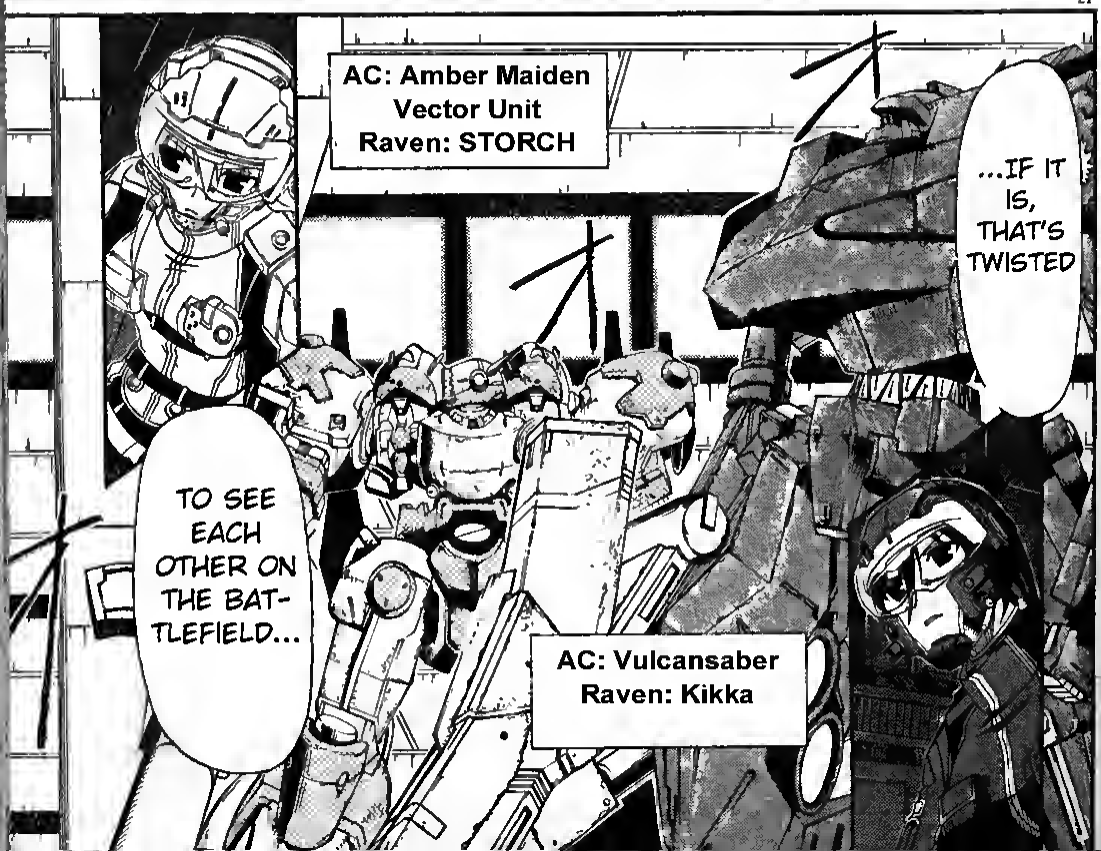
I HAVE TO GO TELL CATARINA-ちゃん達に!!
ROC! WE HAVE TO CONTACT THEM
THERE'S NO POINT
YOU SAID A WHILE AGO THAT YOU "GOT HOW OUR WORLD WORKED"
IF YOU REALLY MEANT THAT YOU WOULD KNOW BETTER THAN TO GET INVOLVED
IN ORDER TO PROTECT OUR MILITARY SECRETS
THAT'S CRAZY...
THEY WILL DISAPPEAR FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH

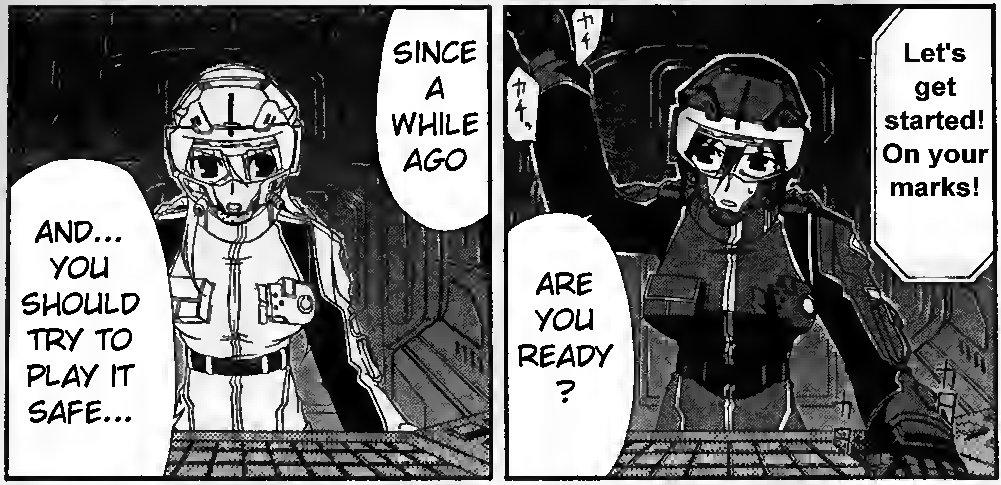


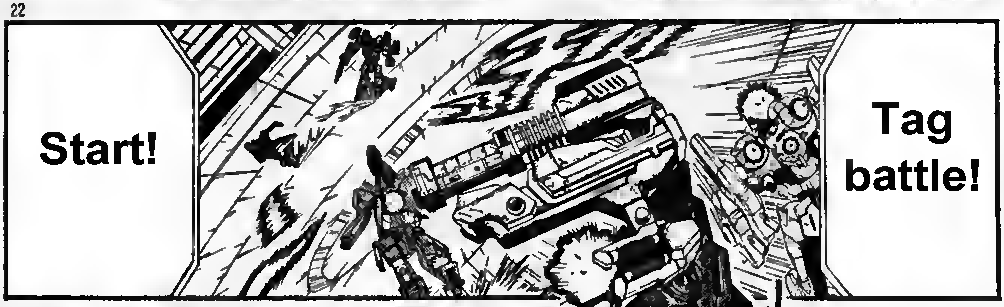
シュトルヒ／フライトネスト・準メンバー＆レイヴンズアークのメカニック。橘花の友人だが秘密の顔も持つ。




AC: Athena Uranus
Raven: Catarina
I GUESS
THIS WAS MEANT TO BE
AC: Ares Uranus
Raven: Lancer


AC: Amber Maiden
Vector Unit
Raven: STORCH
...IF IT IS, THAT'S TWISTED
TO SEE EACH OTHER ON THE BATTLEFIELD...
AC: Vulcansaber
Raven: Kikka


SINCE A WHILE AGO
AND... YOU SHOULD TRY TO PLAY IT SAFE...
Let's get started! On your marks!
ARE YOU READY ?


Start!
Tag battle!

WE DON'T PLAN ON WAST-ING ANY TIME
CATA-RINA!

I KNEW IT! そうか!!
KIKKA!
GET OUT OF THE WAY!
WHAT ...!?
SHE FIRED A CANNON IN MIDAIR?!
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE...
IT'S VERY POSSIBLE
THEY CERTAINLY SAVED THE BEST RAVENS FOR LAST...!

DRAGON AGE 6巻につづく

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU ANYWAY, GIVING ORDERS LIKE THIS?
WHAT,
ARE YOU DENSE? ARE YOU RETARDED OR SOMETHING? WHO THE HELL DO YOU THINK I AM?
I'M THE GODDAMN BATMAN.

YOU EX-
PECTED
SOME
CUTE
GIRL?
TOO
BAD!
IT'S
ME,
RANCE
!
GAHA-
HAHA-
HAHA-
HA

Terminology used and notes:

AP stands for Armor Points, meaning effective health

OB stands for Overed Boost, a stronger version of the regular thruster boost at the expense of large amounts of energy

A "Plus" refers to the terms "Human Plus" or "Optional Part - Intensify" in the series. They are as described in the comic; people who have undergone procedures to have beyond human capabilities, the most prominent being the ability to fire back-equipped cannons in mid-air (the game restricts the player from doing so normaly)

The Raven's Ark is an organisation which manages all Ravens in terms of getting them contracts and keeping track of their whereabouts

Finally, for those curious, Tekistan and Feltorica are made up factions unique to this story and the Armored Core: Fort Tower Song light novel. They have not appeared in any other Armored Core works. - SMG